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For: HIDING ENCRYPTED MESSAGES IN
INFORMATION CARRIERS

Examiner:

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Prior to examination on the merits please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new claims 12-16 as follows.

--12 (New) A method of hiding a message in an information carrier comprising:
encrypting a message;
modulating the encrypted message with predetermined data;
scaling said modulated encrypted message; and
adding the scaled, modulated encrypted message to the information carrier.

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